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ABSTRACT

This advisory list includes instructional media appropriate to the reading program in schools for primary through senior high school grade levels. Entries included on the list were selected from those materials submitted by publishers which received favorable reviews by educators. Materials are arranged by type of media: activity cards, books, books (for teacher use), books (supplementary texts), books with recordings, books (workbooks), books (workbooks) with recordings, films (16mm), filmstrips (sound), kits, recordings (cassette tapes), and tests. Entries include citation, price if available, grade level, and annotation. (Author/RAO)

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ADVISORY LIST OF INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA

FOR

READING

This bibliography includes instructional materials appropriate to the Reading program in the schools. The items are listed by type of media. The order of the listing is as follows:

- activity cards
- art prints
- books
- books (for teacher use)
- books (reference)
- books (supplementary texts)
- books with recordings
- books (workbooks)
- books (workbooks) with recordings
- calendars
- charts
- dictionaries
- duplicating masters
- film loops (silent)
- film loops (sound)
- films (16mm)
- filmstrips (silent)
- filmstrips (sound)
- games
- globes
- kits
- manipulative devices
- maps
- measuring tapes
- microforms
- mini-units
- models
- periodicals
- pictures
- posters
- programmed materials
- puzzles
- realia
- recordings (cassette tapes)
- recordings (disc)
- recordings (reel-to-reel tapes)
- reprints
- shortstrips
- slide sets (2"x2")
- slide sets (sound)
- study prints
- tests
- transparencies
- videotapes

Materials on this list were selected from those which publishers have submitted for evaluation. Educators may assume that materials available for purchase not appearing on this list either were not submitted or were considered inappropriate for school purchase. All items included on this bibliography except 16mm films, and some items suggested for inclusion by local school administrative units, are displayed in the Center in Raleigh. The name of a school administrative unit appearing after an annotation indicates that educators in that system reviewed and recommended the item.

At the end of the annotated lists of print and audiovisual materials may be found unannotated lists of materials which have had favorable reviews in other reliable reviewing sources. Additional information may be obtained by writing or calling the Materials Review and Evaluation Center.

In some cases prices were not available. Prices shown are those quoted by publishers and producers, but do not include postage and are subject to change.

PLEASE DO NOT ORDER ITEMS ON THIS LIST FROM THE MATERIALS REVIEW AND EVALUATION CENTER OR FROM THE DIVISION OF TEXTBOOKS. Publishers and producers are listed in a separate directory accompanying the complete set of ADVISORY LISTS OF INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA. An abbreviated or code name for the publisher/producer appearing in the bibliographic entry on this list appears in the DIRECTORY, where the complete address follows the code name.

Schools may use this list to aid in selection of materials but are in no way restricted to purchasing items on this list.

ACTIVITY CARDS

MIND EXPANDERS. Ed. Insights. (Available from Stone's.) 80 activity cards with 6 tab dividers $5.95. Grades 3-6

Designed for intermediate student who can work independently; subject areas include math, art, creative writing, social studies, poetry and book reports, science; offer varied projects and problems for students to solve such as creative writing (student writes story about living in the year 3,000), art (student is instructed to create sculpture from "junk"), science (student is instructed to create a model oil field); useful as enrichment activities for individuals or small groups; teacher could use cards for introducing activities to entire class; some activities need more explicit instruction; teacher would need to provide materials for projects to be created; good material for a center or supplementary activities when other work is completed

BOOKS

Books in a Series

Booth, Eugene. SPOTLIGHT BOOKS. Raintree, 1977. 12 titles each 21 p., guide $62.55. each $5.21. Grades K-2

Titles: AT THE BEACH; AT THE CIRCUS; AT THE FAIR; AT THE ZOO; IN THE AIR; IN THE CITY; IN THE GARDEN; IN THE JUNGLE; IN THE PARK; ON THE FARM; UNDER THE OCEAN; UNDER THE GROUND

Enchanting, easy-to-read series for prereaders or beginning readers; introduces and reinforces a variety of skills and perceptions correlated to language arts: visual discrimination, noticing detail, following sequence, predicting conclusions; also includes basic mathematic concepts, such as distinguishing size and shape, counting and grouping sets; colorful, detailed illustrations free from stereotypes but not racially balanced; teacher's guide gives objectives, suggests discussion questions; practical for small, teacher-directed groups or with individual child

Moncure, Jane Belk. SOUND BOX BOOKS. Childrens, 1979. each 32 p. each $5.95. Grades K-3

Titles: MY "c" SOUND BOX; MY "g" SOUND BOX; MY "j" SOUND BOX; MY "k" SOUND BOX; MY "m" SOUND BOX; MY "n" SOUND BOX

See publisher's literature for other titles in the series.

Series of delightful books teaching the sounds of letters; the star of each book is a child representing a letter, with that letter on his/her shirt; story has child collecting objects which begin with designed letter; final pages are additional words and pictures for letter; "g" and "c" books use hard sound in story and provide additional illustrations at end for soft sound; colorfully illustrated, large dark print for easy reading; cover is durable, attractive; excellent for teaching sounds of letters (Clinton City)

Morris, Dean. READ ABOUT ANIMALS. Raintree, 1977. 14 titles each 48 p. $83.47. each $5.96. Grades 1-4

Titles: ANIMALS THAT LIVE IN SHELLS; ANIMALS THAT BURROW; BIRDS; BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS; CATS; DINOSAURS AND OTHER FIRST ANIMALS; ENDANGERED ANIMALS; FROGS AND TOADS; HORSES; INSECTS THAT LIVE IN FAMILIES; MONKEYS AND APES; SNAKES AND LIZARDS; SPIDERS; UNDERWATER LIFE: THE OCEANS

Outstanding science series covering a myriad of topics about animals; attractive format: rich assortment of colorful, clearly labeled illustrations, detailed diagrams such as the structure of a bird's wing and the cross section

READ ABOUT ANIMALS. (Cont'd)

of an ants' nest, large bold type, generous margins, bright, sturdy covers; a real bonus; each has index and glossary; ideal for supplementing various units or for independent study

Raabe, Janis Asad. PRIMARY READERS. Mod. Curr. Pr., 1978. 2 sets each with 10 titles, guide each set $4.98. Grades 1-3

SET 3: BLENDS

Titles: BRAG BRAG BRAG; HERE COMES THE BRIDE; GLEN WIT; GLUB GLUB; SCAT, CAT!; MISS SWISS; SQUIRE'S SQUARE DEAL; STAN THE SQUID; AT THE POND; HUNK OF JUNK

SET 4: DIGRAPHS

Titles: BATH TIME; SMITH'S STORE; WHIZ KID; THE WHITE WHALE; SH!; MUSH? MUSH!; AT THE BEACH; GRETCH THE WITCH; JACK'S KING; BLACK DUCK'S WING-DING

Part of a series of 40, these sets of supplementary phonetic readers designed for primary children focus on consonant blends and digraphs; each book contains eight pages printed in large bold type with attractive illustrations; good balance of minority groups; difficulty of vocabulary will prohibit understanding with the average child; recommended for small group instruction with accelerated students; teacher's guides provide lesson plans and followup activities (Clinton City)

Radlauer, Ed. GEMINI BOOKS. Childrens, 1978. each $5.50. Grades 3-6

SOME BASICS ABOUT BICYCLES. 64 p.
SOME BASICS ABOUT SKATEBOARDS. 32 p.
SOME BASICS ABOUT VANS. 32 p.

Three current child-appealing means of transporation explained in elementary terms; basic mechanics, related terminology, various uses by the public, equipment necessary for proper use discussed; attractive, colorful covers, photographs; contents accurately, interestingly presented; enjoyable, particularly for young boys in upper primary grades (Clinton City)

SKYLARK ILLUSTRATED STORIES. Bantam, 1979. each 64 p. each $1.25 paper. Grades 4-8

Kjelgaard, Jim. Adapted by Horace J. Elias. STORMY
Robeson, Kenneth. Adapted by Horace J. Elias. THE MAN OF BRONZE: DOC SAVAGE
Serling, Rod. Adapted by Horace J. Elias. STORIES FROM THE TWILIGHT ZONE

Action-packed, suspenseful stories produced in comic book style; highly entertaining, simple plots; attractive covers, but colorless illustrations; difficult terminology noted, defined at bottom of page; vocabulary list and comprehension questions provided in back of books (Clinton City)

SUPERWHEELS SERIES. Lerner Pubns., 1977, 1978. each 47-55 p. each $5.95. Grades 6-12

Titles: BICYCLE ROAD RACING; BICYCLE TRACK RACING; THE DAYTONA 500; DINOSAUR CARS: LATE GREAT CARS FROM 1945 TO 1966; GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES; KIT CARS: CARS YOU CAN BUILD YOURSELF; MOTOCROSS MOTORCYCLE RACING; VANS: THE PERSONALITY VEHICLES; THE WORLD'S BIGGEST MOTORCYCLE RACE: THE DAYTONA 200

See publisher's literature for other titles in the series.

Compact, eye-appealing hardcover series which focuses on various types of car and motorcycle racing (stock car, motocross), bicycle racing (track) and road), and unusual vehicles (vans, kit cars, dinosaur cars); amply

SUPERWHEELS SERIES. (Cont'd)

illustrated with large black-and-white and color photographs; interesting, detailed information clearly presented; some books have table of contents, introductions and conclusions, and/or sub-headings, but there are no indexes; levels of difficulty are primarily 10-12, but one book is at 6th grade level; these highly motivational, short books might encourage boys' outside reading (Burlington City)

Wade, Harlan. A BOOK ABOUT. Raintree, 1977. 16 titles each 32 p. $71.88. each $4.49. Grades 1-2

Titles: ELECTRICITY; GEARS; HEAT; IDEAS; THE LEVER; OIL; SAND; SIZE; SOUND; SPEED; SPRINGS; STRENGTH; TIME; WATER; THE WHEEL; WOOD

Informative primary series briefly introducing a wide spectrum of scientific topics; colorful, eye-catching bindings; very simple format: large type, one to three sentences per page; vital, graphic illustrations should inspire children to read text; could be used as introduction or enrichment in science units

BOOKS (FOR TEACHER USE)

Adams, Anne H. SUCCESS IN BEGINNING READING AND WRITING: THE BASAL CONCEPT OF THE FUTURE. GRADE 1. Goodyear, 1978. 194 p. $11.95

A tightly structured total reading program which divides instruction into five 30-minute modules; each module treats a specific phase of reading or writing: phonics/spelling, language experience (creative writing), academic reading, patterning, and recreational reading; first third of book explains objectives, content, procedure for each module; second part contains lesson plans--some completely detailed, others outlined; program designed to be followed exactly, requiring thorough teacher preparation (Clinton City)

Criscuolo, Nicholas P. 125 MOTIVATORS FOR READING. Fearon, 1977. 57 p. $2.25 paper

Great book of suggestions for motivating children to read; includes activities which permit children to share books with each other, arts and crafts ideas to be integrated with books, games and creative writing, long-term class projects; list of fifty books recommended for children (Clinton City)

Estes, Thomas H., and Joseph L. Vaughan, Jr. READING AND LEARNING IN THE CONTENT CLASSROOM: DIAGNOSTIC AND INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES. Allyn, 1978. 463 p. $16.95

Reading resource text for content area teacher describes readability formulas and their application, how to administer informal inventories, how to interpret standardized tests; classroom materials and changing attitudes also covered; authors have included, but not discussed, complete lesson plans for units of study in various content areas, grades 4-12 (Brunswick County)

Forgan, Harry W. PHORGAN'S PHONICS. Goodyear, 1978. 323 p. $8.95 paper

Practical workbook for primary children introduces, reinforces, extends the knowledge of phonetics; clever preprimer section for teachers increases understanding of a beginning reader's feelings and reactions to reading; workbook includes 48 lesson plans--each having introductory activities (e.g., games, songs, riddles), a ready list of objects naming the same sound as that being taught, 6 to 12 words and pictures for each sound, a hidden word

PHORGAN'S PHONICS (Cont'd)

picture (to be duplicated), reinforcement activities; also includes tests, record-keeping forms, index, glossary of terms; well-organized, easy-to-use program for primary teachers (K-1)

Forgan, Harry W. THE READING CORNER: IDEAS, GAMES, AND ACTIVITIES FOR INDIVIDUALIZING READING. Goodyear, 1977. 73 p. $9.50 paper

Clear, concise, well-organized resource book for developing a systematic classroom management plan to provide greater individualization in reading instruction; chapters devoted to an explanation of prereading, word recognition, comprehension, study skills; large appendix supplies materials to duplicate with author's permission, including several varieties of recordkeeping charts, letters to parents which may or may not be used in entirety, screening tests for each skill area, games and center activities to reinforce each skill; diagrams and sketches illustrate the text, provide a wealth of coordinating bulletin board ideas (Wake County)

Granowsky, Alvin, et al. A GUIDE FOR BETTER READING: FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN. Tarmac, 1977. 68 p. $2.95 paper

Written to give parents concrete ways to help and interest their children in reading; demonstrates how parents and teachers can work together; divided into four sections (Getting Ready to Read, Building Skills in Phonics and Sight Vocabulary, Building Skills In Comprehension, Determining Reading Levels), gives numerous learning activities, tests, and progress records

Judy, Tom A., and Davidson D. Steely. USING LEARNING CENTERS WITH NOT-YET READERS: AN AID FOR ABECEDARIANS. Goodyear, 1978. 122 p. $8.95 paper

Excellent resource book for primary level educators, especially in the area of learning center management; offers many practical ways to utilize learning centers in a classroom; illustrations are most helpful in that they depict exactly what the narrative has explained

Polon, Linda, and Aileen Cantwell. MAKING KIDS CLICK: INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES IN READING AND THE LANGUAGE ARTS. Goodyear, 1979. 208 p. $8.95 paper

Comprehensive idea book for setting up reading centers; many original suggestions (with permission to thermofax) for teaching word skills, paragraph development, grammar, punctuation, figurative language; numerous activities of varying levels of difficulty provide stimulating possibilities for individuals, small groups, or classes; for teachers of grades 3-7

Raskin, Bruce, ed. THE READING IDEA BOOK. Ed. Today, 1978. 192 p. $9.95 paper

Excellent book of ideas for enlivening classroom reading; presents activities for beginning reading, decoding, reading for meaning, vocabulary building, motivating the unmotivated, enjoyment reading, reading in content areas; text includes strategies, activities, description of materials needed; encompasses reading, language, social studies, science skills; informative, motivating resource for teachers in grades K-6 (Clinton City)

Stewig, John Warren, and Sam L. Sebasta, eds. USING LITERATURE IN THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM. N.C.T.E., 1978. 73 p. $3.95 paper

Articles by various experts in reading and language arts show how literature can be used to teach the use of language--e.g., vocabulary development, literature appreciation, creative writing; each chapter contains specific

USING LITERATURE IN THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM. (Cont'd)

examples of activities, a list of books which are good examples of literature and have skills-teaching possibilities; although most of the ideas would be used in a classroom, there are some activities that a media coordinator could use; it is certainly an approach to the use of library books that the media coordinator would want to be familiar with and encourage in an enrichment program

BOOKS (SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS)

Gray, Lee Learner. BETTER AND FASTER READING. Rev. ed. Cambridge Bk., 1978. 344 p. $3.58 paper. answer key $.58. Grades 11-12

Concentrates on refining reading skills for the average and above-average student; emphasis on vocabulary (contextual analysis, structural analysis), comprehension (analyzing a paragraph, recognizing patterns of paragraphs), study skills (skimming and scanning, note-taking, reading critically), improving daily reading (using the library, reading newspapers and magazines, using reference books), speed reading, and reading for relaxation (recognizing the basic elements of a short story, enjoying the style, emotion, and imagery in a poem); appendix includes reading speed, comprehension and vocabulary progress charts, answer keys for chapter tests (Wake County)

Norman, Jack. STORIES TO TEACH AND DELIGHT. Amsco, 1977. 232 p. $2,60 paper. Grades 6-9

High-interest short stories featuring young people from many backgrounds; many famous writers and tales--Sherwood Anderson, Edgar Allan Poe, "The Monkey's Paw"--centering on suspenseful or dramatic event; stories are not difficult, even Poe's, and are facilitated by having less familiar words appear in boldface and defined at bottom of page (no phonetic spellings, however); exciting content makes fast reading; vocabulary and comprehension exercises follow each story; weak binding; remedial reading for "reluctant" (not genuinely deficient) senior high readers

Potter, Robert R., ed. BEYOND TIME AND SPACE. Globe, 1978. 216 p. $4 paper. guide. Grades 9-12

Mind-expanding collection of very short science fiction stories and stories of the supernatural by popular authors Ray Bradbury, Isaac Asimov, R. A. Lafferty, Poe, others; most stories have been modified considerably to elminiate problems poor readers would face with style and vocabulary in the originals; followup exercises develop vocabulary, comprehension, and inference; some illustrations, uncluttered pages; adequate teacher's guide; useful to supplement science fiction units or for individual reading, reinforcing pleasure reading activities

THE *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED* LEARNING PROGRAM: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO EDUCATION. ModuLearn. 5 copies *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED* magazine, 5 pupil strategy booklets each week; 5 *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED* action posters, 4 laminated storage cases 30 weekly modules $225. Grades 9-12

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, weekly sports magazine, may stimulate creative thinking, enliven learning experiences, provide opportunities for communication, expand knowledge; strategy booklet provides variety of learning experiences, questions in appealing format, answer sheet; appealing to sports-minded high school students; useful classroom supplement for individuals or class

Books (Supplementary Texts) in a Series

DOUBLE ACTION LIBRARY 1. Scholastic, 1977. 4 copies each of 5 titles, 25 ditto masters, guide $47.50. Grades 7-12

Titles: PARAMEDIC EMERGENCY!; BLACKSMITH AT BLUERIDGE; NARC ONE GOING DOWN; DEPARTMENT STORE MODEL; BIG WHEELS

Five short novels about young adults experiencing trials and joys of their first jobs; engaging plots, humane approach, up-to-date issues, crises; young men and women strive to please superiors, to advance honorably, in meantime gain wisdom and respect for job and other employees; suspenseful reading about narcotics raids, medical crises, girl blacksmith, other unusual situations, people; ditto masters build vocabulary, comprehension, interpretation skills; teacher's guide includes novel synopsis, suggests discussion topics; many full-page, black-and-white photos extend stories, assist interpretation; publisher's catalog gives complete list of LIBRARIES offered on other reading levels

OPEN COURT CORRELATED LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRAM. Open Court. Grades K-6

GRADE ONE PROGRAM
READER 1:2. READING IS FUN. $4.15. guide $6
HEADWAY WORKBOOK 1:2. $1.98. guide $6.50

GRADE TWO PROGRAM
READER 2:1. A TRIP THROUGH WONDERLAND. $4.25. guide $6
HEADWAY WORKBOOK 2:1. $1.98. guide $6.50
READER 2:2. OUR COUNTRY. $4.25. guide $6
HEADWAY WORKBOOK 2:2. $1.98. guide $6.50
CATCHING ON, LEVEL A. $2.10. guide $3.15

GRADE THREE PROGRAM
READER 3:1. A MAGIC WORLD. $4.75. guide $6
READER 3:2. A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD. $4.75. guide $6
HEADWAY WORKBOOK 3:1. $1.98. guide $6.50
HEADWAY WORKBOOK 3:2. $1.98. guide $6.50
CATCHING ON, LEVEL B. $2.10. guide $3.15

GRADE FIVE PROGRAM
CATCHING ON, LEVEL D. $2.10. guide $3.15

GRADE SIX PROGRAM
CATCHING ON, BOOK 5. $1.50. guide $2.25

Language arts series encompassing many aspects of reading and writing instruction; structured around three components: basic readers, HEADWAY workbooks, CATCHING ON reading comprehension workbooks; basic readers contain a variety of stories, attractive colorful illustrations, clear print; vocabulary lists, comprehension questions accompany each reading lesson; language activities in reader do not correlate with stories; broad range of ability levels in HEADWAY workbook; teacher's guide for basic reader has discussion, composition suggestions; HEADWAY teacher's guide, with workbook pages reproduced, offers independent and supplementary activities for each lesson

Ryan, Angela, ed. READING FOR COMPREHENSION: BOOK 1 and BOOK 2. Rev. eds. each 188 p. each $2.06 paper. answer keys each $.31. Grades 10-12

Organized by such subject areas as poetry, science and invention, government, this series provides comprehension drills similar to exercises found in formal examinations; designed to improve vocabulary and reading for information; feature pages contain such specialized information as synonyms,

READING FOR COMPREHENSION: BOOK 1 and BOOK 2. (Cont'd)

euphemisms, menus, map reading; somewhat tedious format and exercises, but program does have merit

BOOKS WITH RECORDINGS

THE SEA WOLF MYSTERIES. EMC. 4 paperback books, 4 cassette tapes, teacher's guide with duplicating masters $58. Grades 3-6

Titles: MYSTERY OF TOTEM POLE INLET; TREASURE OF RAVEN HILL; MYSTERY OF TANGLEFOOT ISLAND; GHOST TOWN MONSTER

Mystery and adventure paperbacks with read-along cassettes designed to motivate the reluctant reader (books alone will entertain the more capable); simple stories use same cast of characters and setting; many lackluster illustrations; good male narrator reads very slowly; teacher's guide has story summaries, comprehension and vocabulary checks (reproducible), creative activity suggestions which would be time consuming to prepare (Wilkes County)

TIMBERWOOD TALES, SET II. United Learning, 1977. 5 books, 5 cassette tapes, guide $45. Grades K-3

Titles: IT'S A TOAD!; IT'S A DOLPHIN!; IT'S A BUTTERFLY!; IT'S AN ALLIGATOR!; IT'S A SQUIRREL!

Introduction to reading in the science area via scientifically accurate read-along story cassettes and durable hardcover books, each presenting Tena's adventure with an animal and a final page of useful, related scientific data for the teacher; excellent audio provides introduction and guided narration to first person dialogue of book which reinforces listening skills, following directions, independent reading; teacher's guide presents vocabulary lists, comprehension questions, suggested activities; cartoon-like artwork and exclusion of other children do detract from overall quality of program (Note: In the previewed set IT'S AN ALLIGATOR is a green book, but referred to on the tape as yellow.)

WOMEN AT WORK. Coronet, 1978. 3 sets each containing 4 cassette tapes, 24 soft cover books (6 copies of each title), 40 worksheets, 8 duplicating masters, guide each set $70. Grades 2-4

SET 1

Titles: BEHIND THE SCENES; CLOWNING AROUND; HAMMER AND TONGS; HAND AND GLOVE

SET 2

Titles: DOCTOR MARY'S ANIMALS; ELLIE SELLS FISH; MARYON MAKES SHAPES; MYRA BUILDS A HOUSE

SET 3

Titles: LET'S TAKE A VOTE; OPEN WIDE; READY FOR TAKE-OFF; TAKE ONE

Supportive, supplementary series to develop basic reading skills and to transfer reading interest from textbooks to other materials; fascinating and informative nonfiction stories about women and their nonsexist roles in modern society; cassettes are of excellent audio quality: clear diction, pleasant reading voices; small books have easy-to-read print, complementing photographs in color and black-and-white; concise directions for followup worksheets; ideal for small groups or independent study; helpful guide gives program rationale, sequence, design, and also furnishes summaries, more activities, answer keys

BOOKS (WORKBOOKS)

Friedland, Joyce, and Irene Goss. READING FOR MATHEMATICS: A WORKTEXT TO IMPROVE READING SKILLS IN THE CONTENT AREA OF MATHEMATICS. Richards, 1977. 86 p. $1.95. teacher's key $3. Grades 4-12

Described on Fall 1978 Mathematics Advisory List

Levin, Beatrice Jackson. REAL LIFE READING SKILLS: A SCHOLASTIC PROGRAM IN FUNCTIONAL LITERACY. Scholastic, 1977. 21 copies of student's workbook, 1 book of 16 overhead transparencies with matching duplicating masters, guide $49.50. Grades 7-12

Functional reading skills help students deal with practical printed matter; stresses reading signs, following directions, filling in forms and applications, reading newspapers, consumer education (e.g., checking accounts, utility bills); useful with entire class, small groups, or individuals; excellent reproductions of charts, tables, graphs; clear, average-sized print; teacher's guide with key; useful for adults in continuing education

Lewis, Norman. HOW TO READ BETTER AND FASTER. 4th rev. ed. Harper, 1978. 239 p. $7.50. Grades 11-12

Skillfully organized step-by-step approach to improving reading skills and speed; after convincing the reader of his capability, the author (through discussions and numerous exercises) explains techniques which facilitate divergent types of comprehension; advanced vocabulary, small print, and subject matter require student interest and motivation; self-directed or teacher-directed resource for specialized study

Rauch, Sidney J., and Zacharie J. Clements. WORLD OF VOCABULARY, BOOK 4. Learning Trends, 1977. 124 p. $2.64. guide. Grades 6-9

Student vocabulary workbook employs such activities as alphabetizing words, writing word meanings, matching words with meanings, working crossword puzzles; contains racially representative, intriguing passages and pictures of famous people, places, sports (words to be studied are in pink blocks for easy recognition); mini-dictionary at back of book; teacher's manual contains vocabulary activities, answer keys; recommended for vocabulary enrichment (Clinton City)

SKILLS IN READING 1. Rev. ed. Cambridge Bk., 1978. 209 p. $3.30. Grades 9-12

Supplementary workbook with emphasis on reading skills which are pertinent to social studies, science, literature; for practice, main idea and inference questions relating to a brief selection precede each broad area of study; stresses specific comprehension skills--e.g., determining cause and effect, recognizing fact or opinion, finding details, drawing conclusions; vocabulary list precedes each reading selection and a compiled list follows each large section; useful for reading teachers and for subject teachers to introduce a skill before applying it to unit material (Wake County)

Books (Workbooks) in a Series

Brown, Sandra M., ed. SKILLBOOSTERS SERIES: LEVEL E and LEVEL F. Mod. Curr. Pr., 1977. each 48 p. each $1.60. Grades 4-7
Titles: BUILDING WORD POWER; INCREASING COMPREHENSION; WORKING WITH FACTS AND DETAILS; ORGANIZING INFORMATION; USING REFERENCES

Short attention-commanding stories with a variety of "fun" followup exercises

SKILLBOOSTERS SERIES: LEVEL E and LEVEL F. (Cont'd)

develop five major reading skills at two different levels; easy-to-read print, attention-grabbing illustrations; free from stereotypes (e.g., male secretary); answer key, skills index provided; designed primarily for individualized study

Levine, Harold. PLEASURABLE READING SERIES. Amsco. Grades 9-12
VOCABULARY AND COMPOSITION THROUGH PLEASURABLE READING, BOOK IV. 1978. 242 p. $3.30
VOCABULARY AND COMPOSITION THROUGH PLEASURABLE READING, BOOK V. 1979. 250 p. $3.55

Skillful integration of praiseworthy literature (excerpts from such works as Twain's LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI, Langston Hughes' "Breakfast in Madrid," and Wharton's ETHAN FROM) and exercises in comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, writing; small black-and-white illustrations introduce engaging passages; suitable for entire class, small groups, individuals (Clinton City)

NEW PHONICS WORKBOOKS. Mod. Curr. Pr., 1977. Grades 1-6
LEVEL A. 240 p. $3.20. answer key $.50
LEVEL B. 192 p. $3. answer key $.50
LEVEL C. 160 p. $2.88. answer key $.50
LEVEL D. 160 p. $2.80. answer key with teacher's manual $1

Enhanced by a little color, these excellent, inexpensive workbooks with scope and sequence charts showing skills development from simple to more complex continue to be impressive; skill development and reinforcement in Level A include readiness, alphabet, consonants, long and short vowels, blends, digraphs; Levels B, C, and D review and extend phonetic elements introduced in Level A; Level D, the most difficult, introduces possessives, suffixes, prefixes, root words, and variations of "k," "f," and "s" sounds; specific directions for using workbook and followup diagnosis appear inside front cover; multiracial appeal in drawings and photos; teachers should be aware that only "new" element in workbooks is addition of some color to previously black-and-white format--content is same, word for word, in workbook components of Modern Curriculum Press's PHONICS PROGRAM, copyright 1971

READING FOR SURVIVAL. Cambridge Bk., 1977, 1978. answer keys each $.75. Grades 9-12
COMPETENCE. 186 p. $3.30
IMPROVEMENT. 186 p. $3.30
PERFORMANCE. 186 p. $3.30
ACHIEVEMENT. 186 p. $3.30
READING FOR LIFE. 92 p. $2.31

Outstanding consumable workbooks cleverly integrating basic reading skills with functional reading materials, such as prefixes, suffixes, main ideas, details, inferences, and classifying with practical information in units on safe driving, job applications, budgeting money, voting rights, time zones, other; charts, maps, excerpts are valuable aids to functional reading; real bonus for students preparing to enter adult world; clear, legible print; includes answer keys; valuable for remedial high school readers studying to master competencies; good supplement to career programs; excellent source for continuing education students

Resnick, Martha K., and Carolyn J. Hyatt. READING COMPREHENSION SERIES. Steck, 1979. each $1.59. Grades 1-6

CLAWS AND PAWS. 80 p.
GILLS AND BILLS. 80 p.
MANES AND REINS. 112 p.
BONES AND STONES. 112 p.

Non-reproducible workbooks sequenced by difficulty level; includes activities in deriving facts and inferences, learning vocabulary, classifying, following directions, drawing conclusions, perceiving relationships, context clues, main idea; short, attention-keeping stories help provide consistent skill reinforcement throughout; adequate black-and-white illustrations (Clinton City)

READING TACTICS. Scott, 1977. each 240 p. each $2.58. guides each $2.97. Grades 7-12

Titles: A, GRADE 7; B, GRADE 8; C, GRADE 9; D, GRADE 10; E, GRADE 11; F, GRADE 12

Developmental reading skills workbooks cover word attack (context, structure/sound, dictionary), inferences, central focus, relationships, sentence meaning, judgment, figurative language, imagery, flexibility; difficulty increases with grade level; highly interesting selections followed by short, varied, meaningful exercises keep students involved and feeling a sense of accomplishment; black-and-white illustrations, cartoons, photographs; could supplement English/reading programs or serve as text for literature substitution course; criterion referenced tests, used to evaluate mastery of skills, not sent to the Center for review; teacher's edition contains answers to exercises, suggestions for practical use of series, specific and general objectives, helpful guidance notes (Brunswick County)

Scott, Louise Binder. AEVAC PHONICS PROGRAM: GRADES 1-3. AEVAC, 1978. guide $.60. Grades 2-4

BOOK A.	64 p.	$1.65	BOOK D.	96 p.	$2.67
BOOK B.	80 p.	$2.03	BOOK E.	112 p.	$2.83
BOOK C.	96 p.	$2.67	BOOK F.	112 p.	$2.83

Sequential series which begins by introducing individual letters, then requiring practice in usage to formulate a concept ("big" illustrated by whale); stories and skills become more sophisticated: digraphs, dipthongs, consonant blends; teaches through use of phonograms or word families often seen in analytical phonics--i.e., "Dan the man can fan"; humorous illustrations, entertaining stories, required participation will interest young children; teacher's guide contains objectives, abbreviated instructions, answer keys

VISUAL-THINKING SKILLS FOR READING AND MATH. Midwest, 1978. 6 books each $2.95, 6 sets of dittomasters each $8.95. Grades K-1
Titles: DIRECTIONS-A; NUMBER-LETTER READINESS-A; NUMBERS-A; SERIES-A; SHAPES-A; TRACKING-A

Consumable workbooks of readiness-level exercises emphasize visual discrimination, perceptual development, following directions; activities stress recognition of shapes, numbers, letters by pattern completion, crossing out the dissimilar letter, adding the missing number, counting, coloring, matching, tracing, distinguishing right from left (Brunswick County)

BOOKS (WORKBOOKS) WITH RECORDINGS

POWER TO READ. Media Matls., 1977. (Available from Carolina School.) 1 workbook, 1 cassette tape $9.95. Grades 1-4

Convenient cassette and attractive activity book with permission to reproduce includes 4-8 specific exercises for each of 5 literal and interpretive level comprehension skills--detail, main idea, predicting outcomes, cause/effect, sequencing; cassette provides well-narrated explanation and introduction to the first activity in each skill area with feedback for self-correction; excellent for reinforcing skills in a center (Wake County)

FILMS (16MM)

THE ALPHABET DRAGON. BFA, 1979. 16mm. 15 min. sd. guide color $240. Grades K-1

When a poor farmer releases a dragon from a spell, the dragon gives him and his wife 26 wishes--one wish for each letter of the alphabet; as they wish for an apricot, boots, clothes, etc., the upper and lower case letters appear on the screen; periodically the letters are reviewed during course of wishing; reaching "z," the farmer needs nothing more and says "zero," giving delightful twist to the ending; animated, nursery-rhyme style; enjoyable way for youngsters to learn or review alphabet

FILMSTRIPS (SOUND)

LIFESKILLS: EXPANDING YOUR VOCABULARY. SVE, 1978. 1 vinyl binder containing 4 color filmstrips, 4 cassette tapes, 25 tests, answer keys, 1 Skills and Concepts Inventory, guide $99. Grades 10-12
Titles: INTRODUCTION TO VOCABULARY BUILDING; WORD PAIRS; THE RIGHT WORD; FIGURES OF SPEECH

Advanced program emphasizes the importance of improving vocabulary; realistic, practical strategies include recognizing context clues and word structures, learning synonyms and antonyms, acknowledging connotations and clichés, employing such figures of speech as idioms, irony, personification; sophisticated narration, examples, literary allusions combine with imaginative, color-

LIFESKILLS: EXPANDING YOUR VOCABULARY. (Cont'd)

ful visuals; comprehensive teacher's manual furnishes complementary discussion topics, activities, reproducible skill extenders; excellent reinforcement for intense vocabulary study (Wake County)

LIFESKILLS: PHONETIC RULES IN READING. SVE, 1978. 1 vinyl binder containing 4 cassette tapes, 32 tests, answer keys, 1 Skills and Concepts Inventory, guide $99. Grades 10-12

Titles: REVIEW OF CONSONANTS; REVIEW OF BLENDS, DIGRAPHS, AND CLUSTERS; REVIEW OF THE VOWEL FAMILY; IRREGULAR PATTERN IN PHONICS AND SYLLABICATION

A judiciously produced overview of phonetic principles to be used as a guide for pronunciation and reading; bright, eye-appealing illustrations accompanied by audial review of phonic rules--not much action, but plenty of information; practical, reproducible duplicating pages, evaluation tests, and detailed directions for implementing the program are supplied (Wake County)

LIFESKILLS: READING COMPREHENSION SKILLS. SVE, 1978. 1 vinyl binder containing 4 color filmstrips, 4 cassette tapes, 19 tests, answer keys, 1 Skills and Concepts Inventory, guide $99. Grades 10-12

Titles: CONTEXTUAL AND STRUCTURAL CLUES; GETTING THE MAIN IDEA; MAKING INFERENCES; CRITICAL READING SKILLS

Carefully sequenced set designed to introduce and/or reinforce reading comprehension skills--e.g., using context clues, understanding word structure, recognizing supporting detail and paragraph patterns, inferring ideas, distinguishing facts and opinions; followup exercises provided in reproducible skill extenders; colorful illustrations and photography; limited racial representation; specific directions for use given in the detailed teacher's manual; particularly useful for composition classes (Wake County)

LIFESKILLS: READING IN THE CONTENT AREAS. SVE, 1978. 1 vinyl binder containing 4 color filmstrips, 4 cassette tapes, 30 tests, answer keys, 1 Skills and Concepts Inventory, guide $99. Grades 10-12

Titles: READING SKILLS IN SCIENCE; READING SKILLS IN SOCIAL STUDIES; READING SKILLS IN MATHEMATICS; READING SKILLS IN LITERATURE

Conveniently packaged unit designed to introduce reading concepts essential to successful comprehension (and teaching) of science, social studies, math, and literature; demonstrates unique reading patterns and specific strategies for content reading; clear narration, pleasing background music, attractive visuals--but not racially representative; detailed teacher's manual provides objectives, summary, discussion suggestions, and classroom activities; reproducible skill extenders also included (Wake County)

TEACHING BEGINNING READING THROUGH LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE. Reading Unlimited. 6 color filmstrips, 6 cassette tapes, guide $75. Teacher use

Titles: WRITING THE STORY; VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT/VISUAL DISCRIMINATION; SIGHT VOCABULARY: WORDS AND PHRASES; VOCABULARY: GRID AND FILE BOX; VOCABULARY: CARDS AND CHART--WORDS; VOCABULARY: CARDS AND CHARTS--PHRASES

Excellent series for teacher-training which traces steps in developing language experience approach from writing the dictated story through strategies for extending and reinforcing skills of word discrimination and vocabulary development of sight words and phrases; teacher/child setting

TEACHING BEGINNING READING THROUGH LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE. (Cont'd)

provides excellent model for teacher's aides and volunteers; teacher's guide includes basic concepts and rationale, summary of each filmstrip, individual concept being presented with followup activities, group discussion questions with answers, directions for teacher-made reinforcement materials, bibliography, glossary of terms; although done with a young child, strategies applicable for tutors at junior and senior high school

TEACHING BEGINNING READING THROUGH LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE. SUPPLEMENTS: WORKING WITH A GROUP. Reading Unlimited, 1978. 2 color filmstrips, 2 cassette tapes, guide $45. Teacher use

Provides teacher-training guide for group work through language experience approach; teacher introduces language/social studies lesson to an entire class through film followed by group activities involving sentence construction, story writing, vocabulary, decoding, comprehension; demonstration of teacher/class activity supplemented by exposition directed at the teacher; teacher's guide dealing with small group instruction (primary, remediation, special education) for those unfamiliar with language experience approach (Clinton City)

Filmstrips (Sound) in a Series

READING FOR THE FUN OF IT. Guidance Assocs., 1978. 3 boxes each containing 1 color filmstrip, 1 cassette tape, guide each $39.50. with disc recordings each $39.50. Grades 3-8
Titles: HUMOR; NATURE; SPORTS
See publisher's literature for other titles in the series.

Motivational tool for promoting reading for the sheer joy of reading; includes excerpts from humorous books (e.g., ALICE IN WONDERLAND; HOMER PRICE), sports books (e.g., NATIONAL VELVET; THANK YOU, JACKIE ROBINSON), nature books (e.g., THE JUNGLE BOOKS; SOUNDER); narrators give title and author before and after each story's introduction; appealing sound effects provide background for diversified color illustrations; teacher's manuals contain professional bibliography, discussion questions, suggested activities, scripts

READING MOTIVATION AND SKILLS PRACTICE. Guidance Assocs., 1977. 4 boxes each containing 2 color filmstrips, 2 cassette tapes, duplicating masters, guide $239.60. each $69.50. Grades 10-12
Titles: WORKING WITH FIGURES OF SPEECH; WORKING WITH INFERENCES; WORKING WITH MAIN IDEAS; WORKING WITH VOCABULARY

High-interest/low-vocabulary program designed to help students inprove basic reading skills; each box contains an absorbing motivating filmstrip, an effective skills filmstrip, correlative practice worksheets (duplicating masters), and a teacher's manual with answer key; audiovisual is of superb quality: appropriate background music, heterogeneous voices, colorful action photography and artwork; represents both sexes and different racial groups; allows for student participation; flexible program ideal for small groups or individual students (Wake County)

THE READING SKILLS SERIES. Guidance Assocs., 1978. 6 boxes each containing 2 color filmstrips, 1 cassette tape, guide each box $37.50. each with disc recording $37.50. Grades 4-6

Titles: WORKING WITH ANTONYMS; WORKING WITH COMPOUND WORDS; WORKING WITH HOMONYMS; WORKING WITH RULES AND EXCEPTIONS; WORKING WITH SYNONYMS; WORKING WITH WORD ORIGINS

Well-packaged, highly motivating, creative units designed to introduce and/or reinforce synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, compound words, rules and exceptions, word origins; each unit includes filmstrip and cassette with delightful themes--mystery, safari, T.V. quiz show--and one silent color filmstrip of followup games; teacher's guide for each unit provides an overview and rationale for series, introduction to the individual unit, behavorial objectives, summary of content, bibliography, numerous followup activities of varying degrees of difficulty, and filmstrip script which could be used for plays by students (Wake County)

USING YOUR READING SKILLS SERIES. Guidance Assocs., 1977. 4 boxes each containing 2 color filmstrips, 2 cassette tapes, 25 duplicating masters, guide $239.60. each $69.50. Grades 4-7

Titles: CHARTS, TABLES, MAPS AND GRAPHS; FINDING WORD CLUES; GETTING THE MAIN IDEA; SKIM, SCAN, OR STUDY?

Valuable learning tool which teaches students to apply basic reading skills to science, mathematics, social studies, language arts; student participation required in such activities as determining key ideas, reading political maps, time lines, circle graphs, discussing prefixes, suffixes and scanning for information; outstanding audiovisual quality presents concepts in attention-attracting story format with excellent dialogue and narration; free from stereotypes, program portrays both sexes, different races; adaptable for entire class, small groups, individual student; teacher's guide includes guidance for presentation of program, objectives, activities and questions, vocabulary, script, reproductions of worksheets, answer keys

KITS

AIMS: BASIC READING KIT A. Continental Pr., 1978. 30 learning folders with accompanying manipulative cards, evaluation chart for liquid duplicating, guide $64.50. Grades K-3

Utilizes pictorial game approach for children who have mastered readiness skills; concentrates on basic naming words, color words, number words, action words, pronouns, position words, the, a, and, developing these into simple phrases and sentences; teacher's guide provides multisensory activities which can also encourage self-expression; skillful balance of illustrations which include minority groups; durable, colorful materials with storage envelopes housed in sturdy carrying case with handle; effective tool for reinforcing basic vocabulary for beginning readers and special education; functional for independent study, group study, or teacher's aide (Haywood County, Clinton City)

AIMS: COMPREHENSION KIT B. Continental Pr., 1978. 30 learning folders with accompanying manipulative cards, evaluation chart for liquid duplicating, guide $64.50. Grades 2-3

Utilizes pictorial game approach for small group or individual activities focusing on position words, main ideas, classification, literal comprehension, relationships, sequences, context clues, inferences; synopsis

AIMS: COMPREHENSION KIT B. (Cont'd)

and related activities included in teacher's guide; racially representative illustrations are clearly depicted; duplicate materials provided to replace those lost or damaged; durable, colorful materials with storage envelopes protected by sturdy carrying case with handle; suitable for reinforcement and as diagnostic instrument for evaluating specific comprehension skills; can be effectively used by teachers, students, teacher's aides (Haywood County, Clinton City)

EDL SHARP COMPETENCY SKILLS KITS. EDL/McGraw, 1978. Grades 9-12

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

EDL SHARP Competency Kit Lesson Folders (2 copies each of 90 Lesson Folders, 6 answer key booklets) $124.95
EDL SHARP Response and Management Materials (pad of 100 response forms, pad of 50 student completion records, display forms in pads of 50, teacher's guide, 6 classroom organization sheets) $75

STUDENT ORIENTATION KIT

EDL SHARP Orientation Kit (35 lesson folders, 35 response sheets, 35 answer keys) $24.95. replacement orientation lesson response forms (35 forms) $2.50

EXTENSION AND ENRICHMENT

EDL SHARP Extension Activities (75 file cards, file box, and implementation guide) $24.95

The Senior High Assessment of Reading Performance (SHARP) Competency Kit is a self-instructional, "survival skills" program designed to help students master competencies in five areas essential to adequate participation in adult society: (1) application forms--government employment, credit, registration, other; (2) financial tranactions--bank checks, tax forms, other; (3) information sources--telephone directory, dictionary, schedules; (4) pictorial representations--road signs, highway and street maps; (5) written communication--labels, newspaper ads, warranties, résumés, other; 90 color-coded lesson folders provide major instruction, each giving background information, glossary of terms above 6th grade vocabulary, and three to five activities developing a specific skill; student response forms, classroom organization sheets, and student completion records are helpful as management materials; orientation kit (sold separately) introduces program to an entire group in sample lesson; extension activity cards (sold separately) reinforce content in lesson folders; strong teacher's guide explains each component, suggests methods for implementation and evaluation, provides cross-reference of competency test items with instructional lessons in kit, glossary of terms used in kit, sources for supplementary activities, and performance objectives; excellent program enabling individuals to improve reading skills while applying them to everyday, essential tasks; thorough, compact, efficient instructional material

GUIDEBOOK TO BETTER READING SERIES. Economy Co.

GUIDEBOOK TO BETTER READING. 1 student workbook $2.19, guide $2.19, 42 duplicating masters $12.15, 10 orientation tearsheets $6.60, THE GBR TAPES (16 cassette tapes) $121.50. Grades 4-12

Attractive basic instruction program for large and small groups, teaching all word attack skills through phonetics, structural analysis, comprehension; can be extended with supplementary components to serve for one school year; student book has vivid illustrations, good reading selections (sci fi, adventure) which are very brief and should be supplemental, and many short exercises (some clever ones such as ads, signs, puzzles); prerequisite--student must be reading on first grade level and have basic sight vocabulary; teacher's guide contains clear, specific objectives, thorough lesson plans (though somewhat dull, repetitious), extended activities, progress chart; GBR TAPES and accompanying worksheets parallel GUIDEBOOK; tapes contain worksheet corrections, are useful for individual instruction daily and to teach students material after absence; duplicating masters have pre- and post-tests, exercises, summary sheets, which can be used for daily checks or as competency tests; not appropriate for groups reading above 4th-grade level

WEST WORD BOUND BOOK. 1 skills book $1.47, guide $1.47. Grades 4-12

Written for students who need review of word-attack skills presented in first 15 lessons of GUIDEBOOK before continuing in GBR; comprehension and study skills incorporated in delightfully illustrated, continuing story about Milly and Hugh traveling to California with Uncle Lionel; gives some enrichment through characterization, imagery, and figurative language; can be used independently or in conjunction with GUIDEBOOK

REACH PROGRAM. 1 REACH Show Magazine (student workbook) $3.27, 21 cassette tapes $159.60. Grades 4-12

Individualized, self-contained reading program developed from KEYS TO READING series for students who have completed WEST WORD and are not ready to return to GUIDEBOOK; takes students by cassette through "magazine" (workbook with exercises, lesson tests, in ELECTRIC COMPANY style); teaches word attack skills, vocabulary, and comprehension in entertaining, visually exciting "show" format; each show begins with lesson and practice, followed by short story, test; shows are taped dramatizations, similar to zesty radio shows; tapes incorporate directions and correction of exercises; guide has usual information, including pre-test and post-test of skills (indexed in guide) which serve as only diagnostic tool; reading levels for individual selections not given; headphones must be worn almost continually; junior high school students will probably respond well to unusually presented program but some may find it immature, silly, repetitive (teacher needs to evaluate maturity before placement); possibly can serve developmentally for Grades 2-5; program can be used independently or with GUIDEBOOK

GUIDEBOOK TO BETTER READING SUPPLEMENTARY READERS. 30-book set containing copies of 12 readers each $1.41, guide $1.41, all $36.24. 60 duplicating masters $36.24, 3 packs of 5 marking pens each pack $2.97. Grades 4-12

Titles: EYEBROWSE; THE JINX BOAT; THRUST; LAS CARAS DE CHICO; EXPLORE; JUNKYARD HOLIDAY; VENTURE; ON POLECAT MOUNTAIN; QUEST; SNOW BOUND; BENCHMARK; MONEYWISE

Unusually good collection of 12 attractively covered books (5 novels, 5 anthologies, one visual reader, one functional reader) on topics such

GUIDEBOOK TO BETTER READING SERIES: GUIDEBOOK TO BETTER READING SUPPLEMENTARY READERS. (Cont'd)

as ghosts, dreams, TV, survival skills; several pages of EYEBROWSE very contrived, unfortunately, as most of the selections are interesting and noteworthy; in addition to being ideal pleasure reading for junior and senior high students, six of the readers are accompanied by self-correction ditto masters building vocabulary and comprehension; can be used in conjunction with GUIDEBOOK or independently

HITS: READING WITH DONNY AND MARIE, LEVEL 1. ModuLearn, 1977. 12 modules each containing 1 cassette tape, 30 student workbooks, duplicating masters for criterion-referenced test, instructional game(s), song chart(s), student record chart, guide $359.40. each $29.95. Grades K-2

Reading kit emphasizes basic skills such as beginning sounds, vowels, blends, plurals, inflectional verb endings, determining details, sequence, and main idea; introductory songs are instructional, have appealing rhythm, encourage pursuit of lesson; best suited as motivational tool for introducing new concepts or as summary; informal tone and language ("now that we've done with..."), occasional poor diction, and blandly illustrated work sheets detract from the kit; presentation of material sometimes deficient (letters are traced but not separately named, guide pictures on each page do not correspond with introduced letter); repetition of song throughout tape would maintain interest; not very flexible because students must be closely monitored at times; however, the directions are clear and easy to follow; program has merit due to built-in student interest; recommended for the full collection

INDIVIDUALIZED READING SKILLS PROGRAM: LEVEL C. Houghton. $129.15. Grades 4-8

Box 1: PRE-ASSESSMENT TESTS. 35 test booklets, 35 pupil's record cards, 1 class record chart, 1 scope and sequence chart, guide $40.50

Box 2: READING SKILLS BOOKLETS. 10 copies each of 30 skill booklets, 2 copies each of 30 answer cards, 1 scope and sequence chart, guide with annotated post-assessment tests $99.99

See publisher's literature for other components and individual prices.

Number-coded, diagnostic, self-improving approach to reading including three levels of which level C is the most difficult; encompasses decoding, comprehension, and reference/study skills; with emphasis on such skills as dictionary pronunciation, sequencing, outlining, map reading, library usage; can be used as reinforcement for skills already taught, teacher-directed or individualized learning; personal conversational approach on interesting topics; effective use of light and dark print for emphasis, clear illustrations; student booklets intended for consumable use, but answers can be transferred to paper; booklets and answer cards are durable, easily managed; excellent teacher's guide provides thorough directions for use of kit and answer pages for tests; specifically designed for sixth grade but could be used for more capable students in lower grades and underachievers in junior high (Haywood County, Clinton City)

INSIGHTS ABOUT AMERICA. Ed. Insights. 48 student story sheets, 48 duplicating masters, guide $60. Grades 4-5

Finally a "fun," interesting approach to history; children will eagerly use this kit, thus learn basic facts about American history; divided into three sections (Revolution, Civil War, Frontiers West); extremely attractive,

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colorful cartoon format, durable, high-interest story cards with thought-provoking followup questions; accompanying spirit master for each section builds vocabulary skills and reinforces some facts; not much detail, but good supplement to a regular program

LIBRARIES ARE FOR FINDING OUT: USING THE ENCYCLOPEDIA. Sunburst, 1977. 25 activity folders, 27 spirit masters, stand-up display/storage box, guide $49. Grades 4-6

Program designed to help students learn the art of gathering facts accurately, efficiently through the use of encyclopedias; designed for use with World Book specifically--valid back through 1973 edition; includes 25 lessons, each accompanied by a spirit master worksheet arranged in individual activity folders; units progress from simple to complex; from lesson seven on, the World Book must be immediately available; effective for both individualized and small group instruction; provides teacher's guide with introduction, completed worksheets, suggestions, record sheets (Wake County)

READING VOCABULARY LABORATORY: WORDS IN CONTEXT. LAB C. BFA, 1977. 60 study units, 1 student puzzle and progress book, 9 answers explained booklets, 1 starter card, 1 achievement certificate (for duplicating), guide $105. Grades 2-4
See publisher's literature for individual prices.

Sturdy, attractive, color-coded, nonconsumable kit designed to teach vocabulary through context clues; 1060 target words are introduced in the 60 original, high-interest stories and reinforced with followup exercises, puzzles, unit tests; answer books for self-checking explain correct responses and direct students to teacher when appropriate; free from stereotypes in story and illustration; ideal for center activity or independent learning; teacher's manual gives directions and placement suggestions (Wake County)

SPRINT READING SKILLS PROGRAM, SECOND LEVEL. Scholastic, 1978. 10 copies each of 3 sequential skills books, 10 short story books, 10 play books, 55 practice duplicating masters, 6 pre- and post-test duplicating masters, guide $99.50. Grades 4-6
See publisher's literature for individual prices.

Designed to teach and reinforce skills, kit utilizes material on graduated reading levels from 3.0 to 4.0; illustrated skills books contain units with pre-reading, word-attack drills and easy followup exercises (contractions, rhyming words, prefixes, suffixes, homonyms, sequence, inference, etc.); practice dittos reinforce skills; anthologies, also useful for developing oral reading, are an intriguing blend of tales of ghosts, mystery, sports, real-life adventure; sexually and racially representative; excellent teacher's manual contains complete lessons with suggested questions for motivation and comprehension, answer key for all skills exercises

TOP-PICKS READING PROGRAM. Reader's Digest, 1977. 6 Top-Picks Readers each $1.44, 12 cassette tapes (2 per reader) each set of two $15, 6 sets of duplicating masters (1 set per reader) each $6.60, 1 Student Needs Inventory $2.70, teacher's guide $1.20. Grades 4-7
Titles: ADVENTURE; COMEDY; MYSTERY; PEOPLE; SCIENCE FICTION; SPORTS
TOP-PICKS READER CENTER. 8 copies each of 6 Top-Picks Readers, 12 cassette tapes, 6 sets of duplicating masters, 1 Student Needs Inventory, 2 teacher's guides $204

Attractive, magazine-like books which can excite students through READER'S

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DIGEST stories with high appeal accompanied by read-along tapes that begin each reading, set stage for action, stop prior to ending, encouraging students to complete story independently; kit provides student-needs inventory, skills charts, and duplicating masters for skills activities (comprehension, vocabulary, study skills, literary skills, other); components allow for systematic diagnosis of student reading needs, organized practice to improve skills, and evaluative criteria; well-organized teacher's guide with objectives, skills chart, suggested activities, synopses; excellent program to motivate, reinforce reading for individuals, small groups; good quality in both print and audio materials

Kits in a Series

THE NEW SPECIFIC SKILLS SERIES. Barnell, 1978. Grades K-12
COMPLETE ELEMENTARY LEVEL. 64 student booklets (8 levels in 8 areas), duplicating masters, class record sheet, guide $155.95
COMPLETE SECONDARY LEVEL. 48 booklets (6 levels in 8 areas), duplicating masters, class record sheet, guide $89.95

Flexible, color-coded program designed to cultivate and improve reading skills in eight vital areas: word attack, following directions, locating answers, using the context, recalling facts, identifying the main idea, drawing conclusions, detecting sequence; constitutes a storehouse of brief, factual, diverse information ranging from directions for changing a tire, healing a blister, or eating a lobster to historical passages covering the New Deal, D-Day, the space race; fascinating tidbits (e.g., the Cardiff giant; Mary Read, a full-fledged pirate; Blondin, the tightrope walker) help sustain student interest; illustrations and content material impartial to sexes and racial groups; teacher's guide includes program's structure and philosophy, teaching techniques, answer keys; ideal for individualized instruction; adaptable for remedial students

POINT 31 CORRECTIVE READING PROGRAM. Reader's Digest. Grades 6-12
DECODE LAB. 20 copies Decode student worktext, 1 teacher's ed. Decode worktext, 3 cassette tapes (6 audio lessons), 1 Point 31 teacher's guide $91.50
LEVEL 1 LAB, LEVEL 2 LAB, LEVEL 3 LAB. 3 labs each containing 10 copies each of 2 magazine-style readers, 20 activity books, 1 teacher's ed. activity book, 6 cassette tapes (12 audio lessons), 1 Point 31 teacher's guide each lab $112.50
POINT 31 EVALUATION BOOKLET $16.50
See publisher's literature for individual prices.

Excellent program specifically designed for nonreaders and high school students reading from four to five grade levels below average; DECODE takes reader from Reading Level 0 to 1.9 through taped lessons, accompanying workbook; next, three levels of magazine-format readers, activity books, optional supplementary audiotapes increase student's reading level to 4.9; magazine readers develop comprehension, word pattern, and word analysis skills, include eye-catching modern cartoons similar to ELECTRIC COMPANY but not so colorful; optional audio tapes on Levels 1, 2, and 3 have excellent dialogues and dialects relevant to teenagers in exciting selections ("The Bermuda Triangle Mystery," "Houdini: How Did He Do It?"); EVALUATION BOOKLET contains placement and criterion referenced post-tests; guide contains scope and sequence charts; outstanding individualized diagnostic/prescriptive program; entire program strives for ethnic and gender balance

READING IN THE CONTENT AREA. Cypress, 1977. 4 boxes each containing 8 paperback books, 1 captioned filmstrip, 1 cassette tape, guide $143.50. Grades 3-4

WEATHER

Titles: PART 1: SOMETHING'S IN THE AIR; PART 2: STORMY WEATHER

ECONOMICS

Titles: PART 1: GETTING AND SPENDING; PART 2: CALL IT WISHING

Well-constructed, organized program fosters specific vocabulary and reading comprehension skills through content readings; clearly narrated captioned and sound filmstrips present two levels of comprehension--reading and listening; booklets' colorful, charming illustrations reappear in filmstrips along with some additional drawings; teacher's resource book provides management system and numerous activities of varying degrees of difficulty

VENTURE SERIES. Follett. 2 kits each containing 12 books, 14 color filmstrips, 11 cassette tapes, guides. Grades 9-12

VENTURE I. 6 books $19.20, 7 color filmstrips and 4 cassette tapes $39, guide $3.75. all $61.95

Titles: ON THE BOARDS; FLYING HIGH; RACING TO INDY; TOUCHDOWN; GEARING DOWN; INSIDE TRACK

VENTURE II. 6 books $19.20, 7 color filmstrips and 7 cassette tapes $39, guide $3.75. all $61.95

Titles: LINE DRIVE; SPLIT DECISION; SLAP SHOT; IN THE CHUTES; FALL LINE; MATCH POINT

Intriguing, informative hardbacks realistically profile sports figures (players, team managers, game officials), outline history and development of several sports such as tennis and hockey, and highlight in a "you are there" style qualities and talents needed in each sport; majority of stories feature men, though some women professionals are included--Babe Zaharias, Billie Jean King, Althea Gibson, Chris Evert, others; numerous action photos in bright color heighten interest but should have been captioned; much wasted white space could have been avoided by using larger, less crowded print; followup exercises in hardback and consumable student inquiry book develop vocabulary, comprehension, reference skills without being tedious; each kit covers one semester; filmstrip and tape introduce topic of each book (example: INSIDE TRACK filmstrip visually portrays relentless training, solitary workouts); although filmstrip and tape are intended to motivate reader, they may not be entirely necessary as teacher may want to seek other methods to spark student interest; teacher's manual includes classroom management suggestions, student opinion sheet, observation sheet; "reluctant" readers, as well as students for whom reading is truly difficult, will like these stories

RECORDINGS (CASSETTE TAPES)

AUDIOFUNICS. Prentice, 1977. 5 cassette tapes, 10 duplicating masters, guide $49. Grades K-1

Listening program with ten sequential lessons in auditory discrimination and memory, short vowel and consonant recognition, sound blending, simple word recognition; varied narrators, dialogue in excellent audio quality; active student participation required; useful with a group or individual; teacher's guide contains objectives, synopses of cassettes (Wake County)

READ ALONG WOODLAND FABLES. Coronet, 1977. 6 individual vinyl envelopes each containing 1 cassette tape with 5 story cards, guide $70. 12 additional story cards (2 for each title) $12. Grades K-3

Titles: WRONG WAY DAY (WHEN EVERYTHING GOES WRONG); COPYCAT RABBIT (BEING WHAT YOU WANT); CLOWNS OR CAKE (MAKING CHOICES); SWEATERS AND SASSAFRAS (DOING WHAT YOU'RE TOLD); THE MIGHTY MOVIEMAKER (ACCEPTING BLAME)

Read-along cassette tapes, each accompanied by five copies of an illustrated plasticized story card, introduces the fable--talking animal stories with a moral--to the youngest listeners and/or readers; each tape is about seven minutes long; good teacher's guide provides realistic objectives with story summaries, excellent discussion questions, reproducible comprehension worksheet, followup activities (Wake County)

SAY-IT-IN-SYLLABLES PROGRAM. Tarmac, 1978. 10 cassette tapes, 10 student worksheets, 10 performance tests, 20 student review cards, guide $129.95. Grades 3-8

Systematic program designed to promote reading independence by teaching syllabication rules and context clue usage; includes two pre-tests for student placement and reproducible worksheets, tests, review cards; a clear audio quality provides concise and simple direction; useful for individualized instruction, but tedium of slow-moving program may tire the students who need this help; cover illustration juvenile for secondary students, but could be disguised; suggest preview before purchase

TUNE-IN: BLUE NETWORK. Sunburst. 4 cassette tapes, 4 read-along scripts, 24 duplicating masters, guide $39. Grades 8-12

Titles: ESCAPE: THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN; THE LONE RANGER: THE IRON HORSE; MY FRIEND IRMA; THE SHADOW: DEATH SPEAKS TWICE

Tune in to old-time radio shows as a device for teaching literature skills; tapes of shows, as orginally broadcast, are accompanied by spirit masters which contain questions on literary elements (plot, theme, setting, characters), story comprehension (recall, inference, sequencing), and vocabulary development; valuable teacher's guide contains literary elements chart, learning objectives, story summaries, answers for spirit masters; read-along script provided for each topic; packaged in cardboard box, serviceable for individuals or groups; nostalgia appeal heightened by including original commercials on some tapes

TESTS

Brigance, Albert H. BRIGANCE DIAGNOSTIC INVENTORY OF BASIC SKILLS. Curr. Assocs., 1977. (Available from I.E.S.S.) 1 binder containing tests for readiness, reading, language arts, and math; 1 student record book; 1 class record book $44.95. student record books each $1. class record books each $3.95. Grades K-6

An individualized, diagnostic, criterion referenced test of basic skills for assessing needs, determining mastery of specified objectives and performance levels, and designing a program for the individual student; tests which range from kindergarten or readiness through 6th grade, could serve remedial high school students; nifty three-ring notebook of flip-over test questions makes for easy testing; answers provided for test administrator to see at a glance; color-coded tabs enable administrator to locate desired section quickly; student test pages are reproducible; sections may be

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administered in group setting; a definite drawback in Readiness section is requirement of certain materials which administrator or student must supply--e.g., scissors, paper, shoelaces with shoes to lace, buttons to button a coat; thorough testing program which is a good diagnostic tool, though it offers no prescription

Foote, Timothy A. GED: HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAMINATION. TEST 4, THE READING SKILLS TEST. Contemp. Bks. (Available from Braswell.) 187 p. $2.96 paper. diagnostic/prescriptive answer booklets each $.25. Grades 11-12

GED (General Education Development) Test explained in terms of purpose, structure, test types, scoring standards; tests in five content areas: (1) practical reading--determining fact from opinion, author's bias, directions, reading advertisements, and contracts, using context clues; (2) general reading--basic concepts of main idea, inference, details, style and tone; (3) prose literature (fiction)--setting, characterization, plot, theme, literal and figurative writing; (4) poetry--meter, rhyme scheme, onomatopoeia, metaphor, simile, personification, interpretation; (5) drama--elements of drama, reading a play; test skills require basic knowledge and understanding of facts, concepts, ability to interpret material, make inferences, and draw conclusions; provides study aids, glossary, pre- and post-tests, answers for each section (analyzed and explained); excellent reference for students motivated to take GED Test; other titles in series include: THE WRITING SKILLS TEST, THE SCIENCE TEST, THE MATHEMATICS TEST, THE SOCIAL STUDIES TEST; diagnostic/prescriptive answer booklets not submitted for review

Tests in a Series

MCP PHONICS DART: DIAGNOSTIC AND ACHIEVEMENT READING TESTS. Mod. Curr. Pr., 1977. Grades 1-3

LEVEL A. 4 testing units. each unit $5.88
LEVEL B. 3 testing units. unit B-1 $5.88. units B-2 and B-3 each $4.44
LEVEL C. 3 testing units. unit C-1 $5.88. units C-2 and C-3 each $4.44

Helpful phonics testing series which enables teacher to determine students' mastery of decoding skills; easy to grade ditto masters immediately inform teacher whether student is weak, marginal, or proficient in over 65 different performance-based decoding skills; time-saving, flexible diagnostic procedure; Modern Curriculum Press catalog gives breakdown of skills tested in each unit; not designed for initial placement in reading; same colorful plaid covers as MCP's popular phonics workbooks; good, open format, large, clear print, well-defined drawings in black-and-white